

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 22 with the following replacement paragraph:

The cord can be provided in a variety of diameters. The cord can be substantially cylindrical or a flat, ribbon-like configuration, whether formed of a single filament or a plurality of filaments 13a, 13b, 13c... In preferred embodiments, the diameter of cord 12 is selected to be about 2-6 mm. When provided as a plurality of fibers, the fiber can be arranged and/or fashioned as desired including without limitation, braiding, ~~wounding~~ winding, parallel, twisting, and weaving (either 2 dimensional or 3 dimensional weaves).